

Bill's commitment and collaboration are evident in the partnerships he has built with automakers, technology leaders, research institutions, and government agencies and representatives.

Over the years, Bill has served on numerous boards and earned widespread recognition. He remains a respected figure in motorsports, including leadership roles with NASCAR and IndyCar. He currently serves on the boards of the Automotive Hall of Fame and the Center for Automotive Research in Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring his distinguished career. I wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

#### 'TIS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

(Ms. McCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, 'tis the week before Christmas, and here on the Hill, to keep health insurance premiums from skyrocketing, we have just the bill.

A majority of the House is ready to vote "yes," but the Speaker is sending us home. Why? It is anyone's guess.

ACA enhanced premium tax credits expire at the end of the year. Without them, millions will not afford healthcare, I fear.

Small business owners and employees, gig workers, farmers, and the self-employed, too, without those tax credits, they don't know what they will do.

The Speaker shrugged, saying our work for the year is done, but there is one bill we should pass before heading home—just one.

Two hundred eighteen House Members signed a petition to bring a 3-year tax credit extension to the floor. We should vote on it now before we head for the door.

We will vote in January, so don't give up the fight. In the meantime, may your holiday season be merry and bright.

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#### RECOGNIZING BILOXI CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN MILLER

(Mr. EZELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career and well-earned retirement of the chief of police for the Biloxi Police Department, John Miller.

A coast native, Chief Miller dedicated more than three decades of his life to protecting the people of Biloxi, Mississippi. He joined the department in 1990 as a patrol officer and quickly distinguished himself through hard work and leadership. Just 5 years later, he was selected for the Special Crimes Unit, where he rose through the ranks

of sergeant and lieutenant serving in both the narcotics and criminal investigative units.

In December of 2009, John Miller was named chief of police, a role he carried with integrity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to his officers and to the community. His compassion, dedication, and steady leadership were especially evident during one of the most challenging times in the history of the department and the city of Biloxi: Hurricane Katrina.

Chief Miller set a tone for professionalism, resilience, and service that truly exemplifies what it means to be south Mississippi strong.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank him for his service and wish him and his family the very best in his retirement.

#### REMEMBERING MICHAEL L. FRIEDMAN

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Michael L. Friedman of Toledo, Ohio, a devoted public servant, proud veteran of the 180th Fighter Wing, and indefatigable community leader whose half century of impact on northwest Ohio will long endure. Mike Friedman embodied service.

From his honorable duty in the United States Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing to his tireless advocacy for working families through the American Federation of Government Employees, he lived by the values of responsibility, loyalty, and fairness. He believed deeply in democracy.

Serving for decades as an Ohio Democratic Party State central committee member and executive committee member, a national delegate, and even a Presidential elector, he carried out all these roles with conviction, heart, and perseverance.

Mike was also a storyteller. His unmistakable voice brought people together across neighborhoods, union halls, veteran posts, and dinner tables. Guided by his faith, Mike was grounded in love for his beautiful family and unwavering in his beliefs. He gave generously of himself to others.

America is stronger and more just because of citizens like Mike Friedman. He lived, served, and cared so deeply.

#### RENAMING THE KENNEDY CENTER

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I learned that the Kennedy Center board asked or said that the Kennedy Center would be renamed the Trump-Kennedy Center.

That is a sacrilege to a martyred, heroic, historic American President

whose name was attached to the Kennedy Center for his support for cultural excellence in America and because he was an assassinated President who we all mourned on November 22 through November 25 and thereafter because he gave his life for our country.

The idea that Donald Trump would want his name to go before Kennedy's or even with Kennedy's is a sacrilege. It should not be changed ever, and it should go through this Congress, who named it the Kennedy Center, on a bill in this House and signed by President Lyndon Johnson.

Stop this, Mr. Trump. If you have any sense of dignity and honor, you will renounce this. Don't say that you are honored. You should renounce it. John Kennedy's name stands before all others, and the Kennedy Center should not be renamed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

#### REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the new Republican healthcare legislation.

Instead of extending Affordable Care Act tax credits and keeping premiums from skyrocketing, House Republicans are pushing a plan that would force more than 20 million Americans to pay, on average, twice as much for the same coverage they have today. As a result, 4 million Americans will lose their insurance while others are going to be forced to pay far more for far worse coverage.

Americans are already facing an affordability crisis. The House Republican solution is to cut a trillion dollars from healthcare, pass the largest cut to SNAP in history, and do nothing while Trump's tariffs raise costs across the board.

When families are struggling every day to keep their heads above water, House Republicans are cutting all lifelines and throwing them a bag of bricks.

This is not how government is meant to work. We need to uplift the American people and give them a fair shot at a good life that rewards hard work.

That is what House Democrats will always fight for, a government that works for you, the American people. That is why we are forcing a vote to extend the ACA subsidies. We should not leave D.C. until we have that vote.

Regardless of what the Republicans do, the American people need to know that House Democrats, when we are back in the majority, will fight for a healthcare system that works for all Americans.

# RECOGNIZING ANGELINA PETRA RESENDIZ

(Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, Brownsville native Seaman Angelina Petra Resendiz was tragically murdered while serving our Nation at Naval Station Norfolk.

Angelina was a culinary specialist whose life and service to our country was cut short.

Despite many warnings from her friends and family of her disappearance, the U.S. Navy mislabeled her as an "unauthorized absence" instead of the "duty status whereabouts unknown."

This was tragic. I was proud to honor Seaman Resendiz by securing language in this year's NDAA to conduct oversight of the Department's application of designations in cases involving missing servicemembers who are later found deceased. This is an important step towards ensuring that any servicemembers who go missing receive a proper classification and investigatory response to assure their life has every shot of living.

Today, I ask us to continue looking out for our servicemembers at home and abroad to assure their safety and security.

# REMEMBERING HAREGEWAIN MITIKU AYALEW

(Mr. LICCARDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Haregewaine Mitiku Ayalew, a beloved community member from San Jose, California, who passed away in November.

Ms. Ayalew's life was defined by service, generosity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting the vulnerable.

Ms. Ayalew dedicated her professional life to caring for those made vulnerable by illness, age, or circumstance. As a certified home care aide and home health aide, she provided essential care for our aging neighbors.

Guided by her faith and deep compassion, her service reached across continents as she organized aid and support programs for families in her native Ethiopia, including raising funds to build a facility for elders and individuals living with disabilities and illness.

Her volunteer energy and time commitment to the Mekane Rama Saint Gabriel Church was extraordinary and deeply appreciated by an entire community.

I recall visiting that very church when I attended her memorial and was moved by the sight of more than 1,000

neighbors who came out to pay their respects and pay homage to this remarkable woman.

May Ms. Ayalew's memory be a blessing. Her life's work and values live on through her two daughters, Aden Kassaye and Rebekah Kassaye, and in the countless lives she uplifted through her compassion and service.

# DEADLINE TO RELEASE EPSTEIN FILES

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow at midnight is the deadline for Pam Bondi to release the Epstein files. That is what THOMAS MASSIE's and my bill calls for. It passed this body 427-1, passed the Senate 100-0, and the President signed it. Now, three Federal judges have ordered the release of all of these files from Maxwell's and Epstein's grand jury.

Here is the reality. Any Justice Department official who does not comply with this law will be subject to prosecution for obstruction of justice. If Pam Bondi does not comply with the law, she will be held either in inherent contempt of Congress or subject to impeachment.

We will not rest until the law is complied with and justice is served.

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# CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: CHRISTINE CULBERSON

(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christine Culberson of Spotsylvania County as Virginia's Seventh District Constituent of the Week.

Christine was recently named Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association for good reason. She was recognized for her unwavering passion of career and technical education. This work has enriched the learning experience for students across Spotsylvania County Public Schools.

Educators like Christine take the time to invest in our students and inspire a lifelong learning, restoring quality education of our children.

Christine's recognition isn't just a personal achievement, it reflects the innovation flourishing in Spotsylvania County Schools. Her efforts uplift her colleagues and elevate the entire CTE community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Christine for everything she has done for public education, and I am proud to honor her today.

# URGING THE RELEASE OF EKREM IMAMOGLU

(Mr. RASKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, many of us in Congress are calling for the immediate release of Mr. Ekrem Imamoglu, who is the mayor of Istanbul, Turkey.

Istanbul is Turkey's largest city. It is one of the world's great cities where 16 million people live and stand strong for democracy. They elected Mr. Imamoglu as their mayor three different times, and he is focused on improving public infrastructure and serving nutrition and health to the millions of kids who live in that city.

He was detained in March 2025, along with 106 other leaders in Istanbul. The Turkish Government has now seized his family business, suspended his Twitter account, revoked his college diploma, and banned any public images or posters of him.

I want to tell Mayor Imamoglu that he has many people in the United States Congress closely following this outrage against democracy and the rule of law. We are wishing his family happy holidays, and we are working and demanding to see that he be released.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. NORMA MOYE

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Ms. Norma Moye who passed earlier this week at the young age of 92.

As a fourth-generation resident, Norma was Paso Robles, California, in the 19th Congressional District. She served her community in many ways: being on the boards for the Pioneer Day, the Historical Society, and, of course, as a leader in the Chamber of Commerce. However, where she was most impactful was due to her work as the founder and executive director of the Paso Robles Main Street Association.

Under her leadership, downtown Paso Robles transformed from vacant storefronts to a bustling hub of community. She was a champion for local businesses, supporting her neighbors, helping them thrive, and transforming the local economy.

Thanks to her commitment to service, she lives on in every person who visits downtown in the community and the energy that is Paso Robles.

As we mourn her loss, let us celebrate Norma Moye, her legacy of service, and let us do that by enjoying the town of Paso Robles.

# LIBERTY VERSUS TYRANNY

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, tonight it is a great honor to gather with our